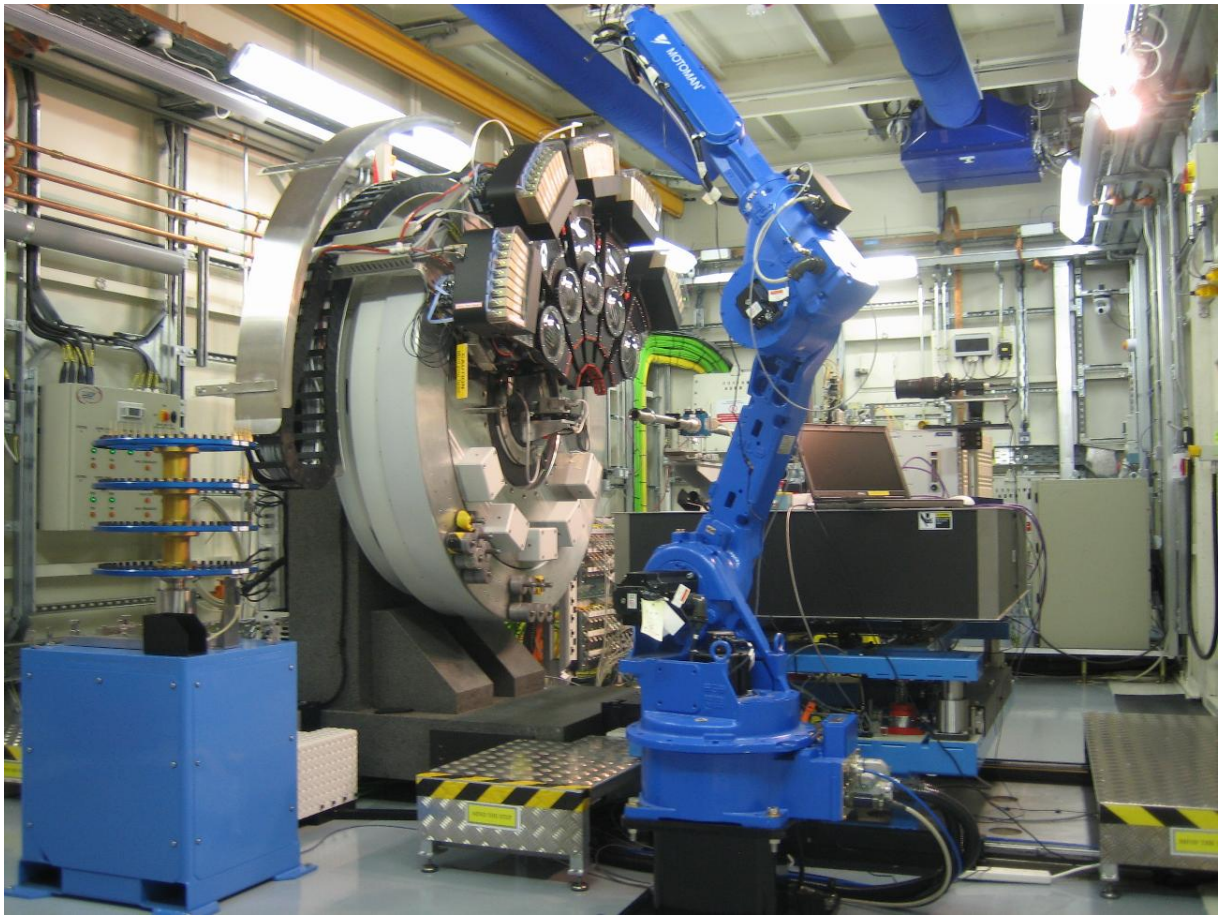
Beamline I11 User Manual



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1 Introduction to I11 Beamline

Figure 1 shows an overview of the beamline facilities. These consist of

- A support laboratory for sample preparation.
- Control room 1 (also known as CC1), which also incorporates a user training area. CC1 has duplicate beamline control PCs, four Windows PCs and one Linux PC available for users. There are also storage ring status displays, camera displays and synoptic displays (see Figure 2).
- Control room 2 (also known as CC2). CC2 has benches for setting up cells for long duration experiments, and EH2 beamline control pcs.
- Experimental hutch 1. This is the experimental space containing the diffractometer and other ancillary equipment.
- Experimental hutch 2. This is the experimental space for long duration experiments, and is accessible only to DLS staff and approved users. EH2 is still under construction so the door linking EH1 and EH2 should remain closed at all times and must only be used in an emergency.
- Control racks. These contain beamline electronics and are accessible only to DLS staff.
- Optics hutch. This houses beamline optics and is accessible only to DLS staff. This will be searched and locked by DLS staff before your experiment.

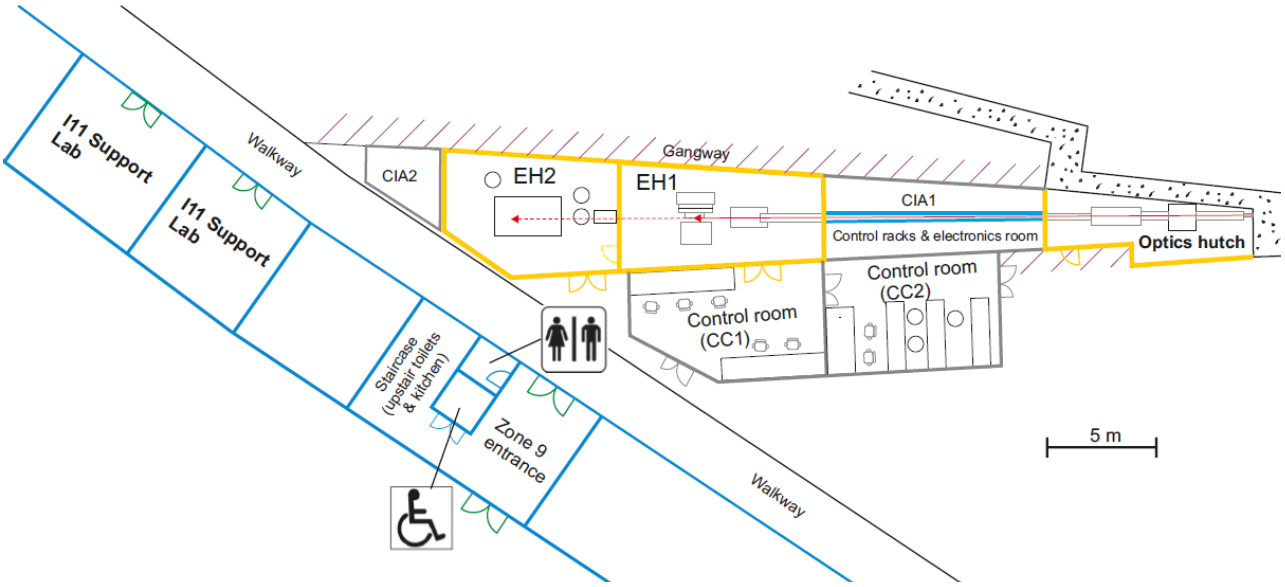


Figure 1 - I11 beamline layout

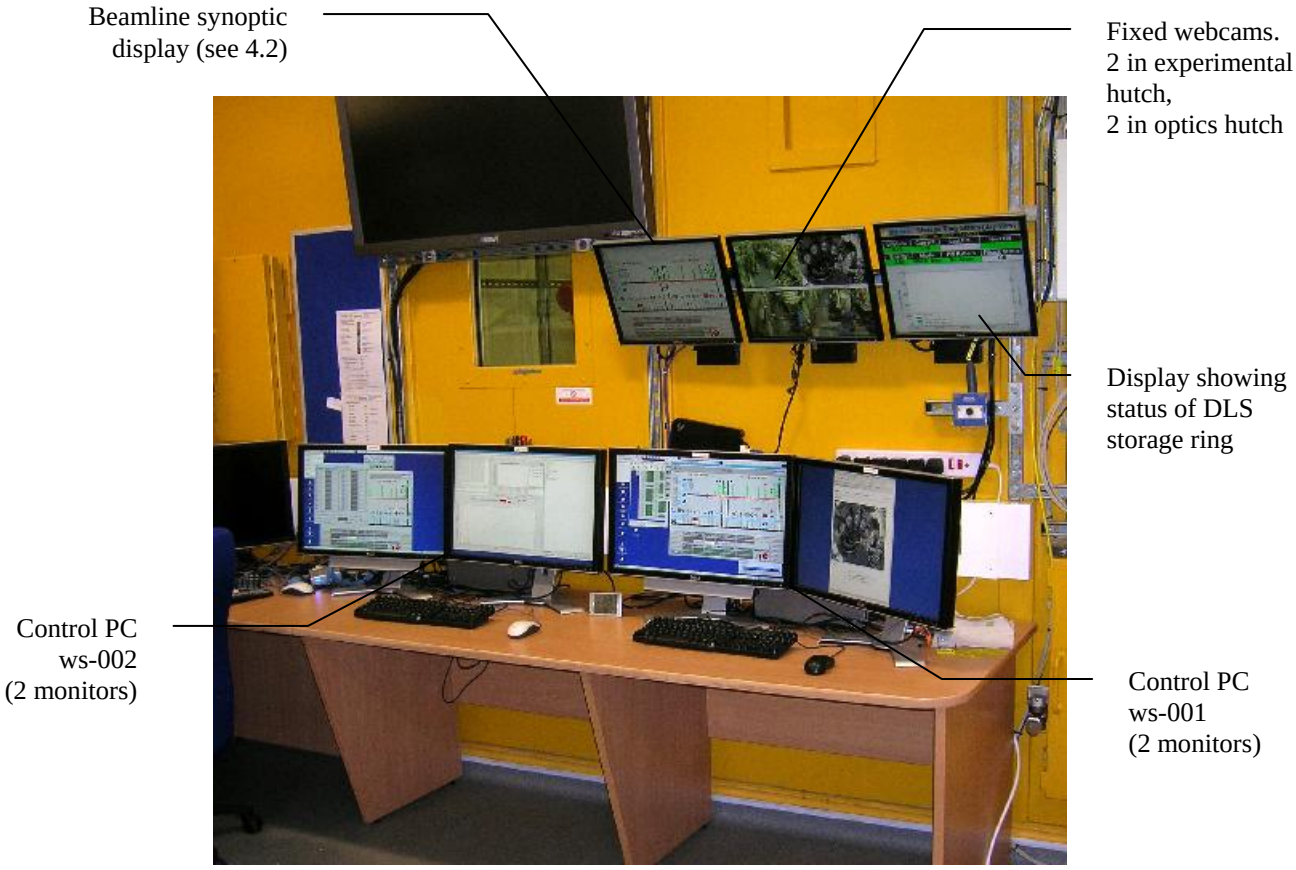

Beamline synoptic display (see 4.2)
Fixed webcams. 2 in experimental hutch, 2 in optics hutch
Display showing status of DLS storage ring
Control PC ws-002 (2 monitors)
Control PC ws-001 (2 monitors)

Figure 2 - View of beamline control cabin (Screens are now arranged differently)

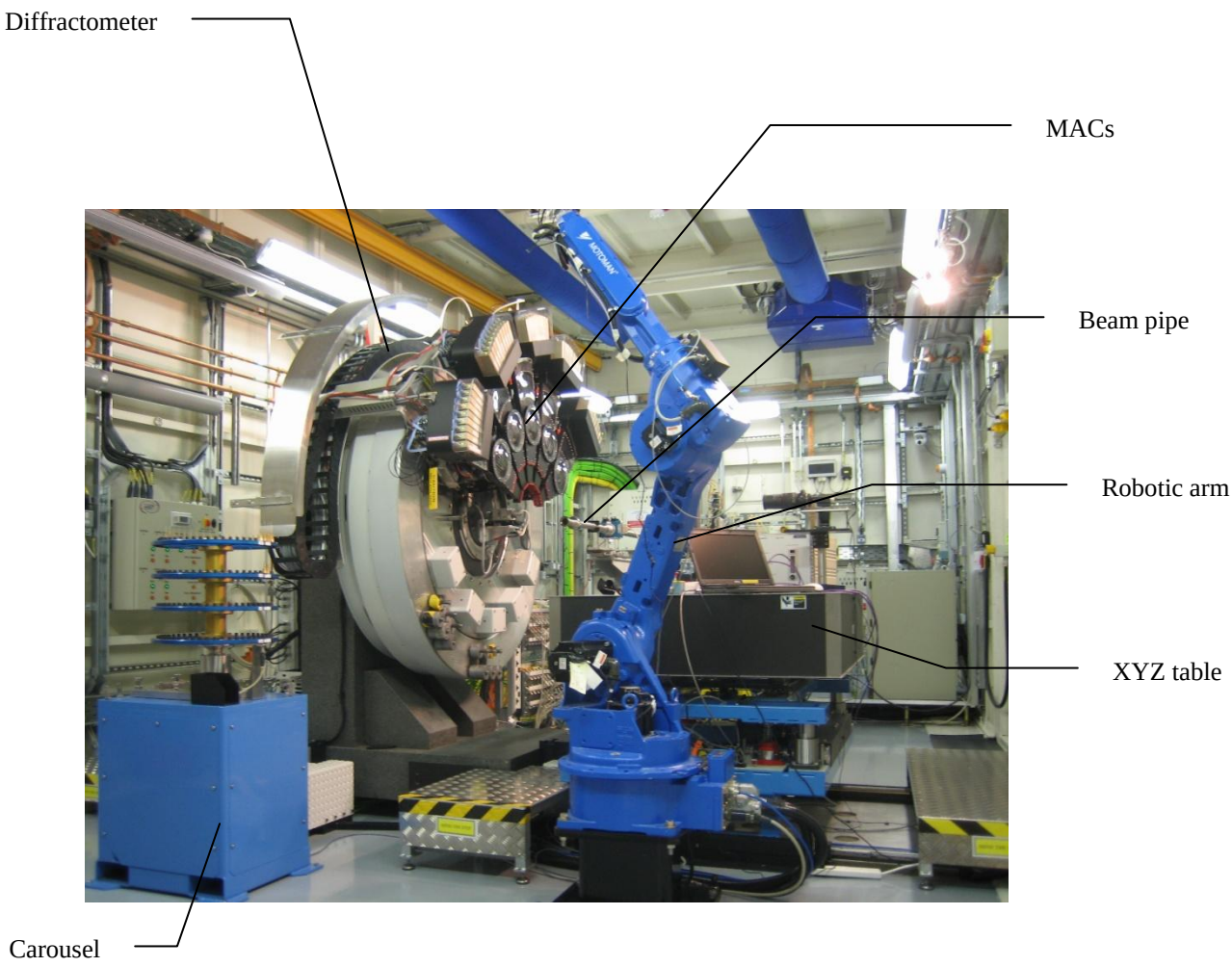


Figure 3 - The I11 experimental hutch (PSD is not on this photo)

The experimental hutch is dominated by the diffractometer which has 3 coaxial, high precision rotary stages (θ, 2θ and δ) and is shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3 also shows the robotic arm and 200 sample carousel for automated sample change, giving high throughput for room temperature measurements. The robotic arm can also be used with the Cryostream and hot-air blower.

For room temperature measurements (capillary or flat plate) a spinner is mounted on the θ circle.

The MAC detectors (high resolution) are mounted on the 2θ circle and the PSD (high speed) is mounted on the δ circle.

For non-contact variable temperature techniques the ancillary equipment can be mounted on the (large) XYZ table.

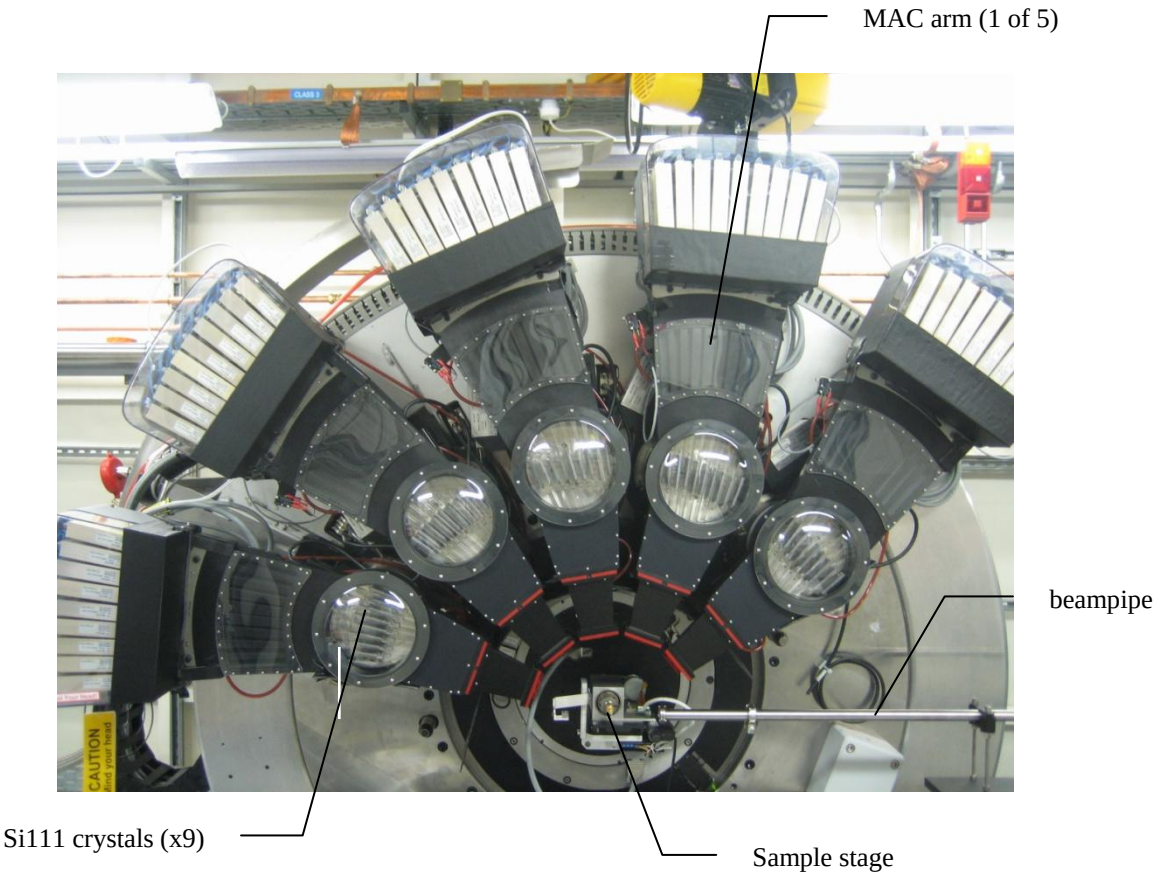


Figure 4 - Close-up of MAC detector array

Each of the 5 MAC arms consists of 9 Si crystals, giving a total of 45 crystals.

Full 2θ scan 3 – 150 degrees achieved by 40 degrees of motion, with overlap between detectors. Data from a total of 45 detectors is integrated to produce the final pattern. I11 is designed to operate in Constant Velocity trajectory mode. The user specifies the total count time and the diffractometer motion trajectory is calculated to give a constant 2θ angular speed.

Unless specified in advance the I11 optics will be set up to use the maximum X-ray flux at 15keV (about 0.827Å). A beamline scientist will determine the precise wavelength at the beginning of the experiment using a standard silicon sample.

1.1 Scope of this document

This is a guide for users of DLS beamline I11. Its contents are restricted to aspects of the hardware and software that users need to know in order to collect high quality data from the I11 beamline.
It will be updated in line with beamline developments.

New users are strongly recommended to read this document before the start of their experimental time.

Chapter 2 describes essential safety issues.
Chapter 3 describes basic operations for the various sample environment options including loading and unloading of samples.
Chapters 4-7 describe the software and commands (graphical and text) used to control and collect data from the diffractometer.
Chapter 8 describes how to use the robot arm and carousel to change samples automatically.
Chapter 9 describes the commands used to control the sample environment options.
Chapter 10 is a guide to writing scripts
Chapter 11 gives a summary of the data handling protocol used with the I11 beamline.
Chapter 12 gives a guide to data plotting
Chapter 13 is a troubleshooting guide.

1.2 Related documents

- Diamond User Office: Welcome.
- SCI-SAD-0008 Computing Services for Diamond Users.
- Beamline I11 technical papers:

  [1] “Design of powder diffraction beamline (BL-I11) at Diamond”, C C Tang, S P. Thompson, T P Hill, G R Wilkin, U H Wagner, Z. Kristallogr. Suppl. 26 153-158 (2007).

  [2] “A new instrument for high resolution powder diffraction”, S P Thompson, J E Parker, J Potter, T P Hill, A Birt, T M Cobb, F Yuan and C C Tang, Rev. Sci. Instrum. **80** 075107 (2009)

2 Safety issues

All users are required to attend a Safety induction provided via the User Office before using the beamline. This will cover safety issues and procedures applicable throughout Diamond Light Source.

The I11 beamline staff or Experimental Hall Coordinators will provide

- Beamline induction
- Personnel Safety System (PSS) training

The beamline induction will describe

- the location of the nearest fire exit
- the location of the emergency motor stop
- the location of oxygen depletion monitor
- beamline specific safety information

A set of staff telephone numbers is located close to every telephone in case of any problems. For out of hours support please control the Experimental Hall Coordinators (ext. 8787) or the Control Room (ext. 8899)

No user is permitted to work inside the experimental hutch unless trained by Beamline staff or the Experimental Hall Coordinators.

3 Sample environment options

There are a number of sample environment options available, depending on the temperature range required for measurements.

Temperature control commands are described in chapter 9.

Temperature range	Name	Notes
	Capillary Spinner	Sample changer with robotic arm available
	Flat plate spinner	
80 – 500 K	Oxford Cryostream	For use with capillary spinner. Can be used with the robot for automated sample changes.
RT – 1000 °C (295 – 1273 K)	Cyberstar hot air blower	For use with capillary spinner. Can be used with the robot for automated sample changes. Temperature control less precise below 250 °C.
RT – 1500°C (295 – 1773 K)	STOE capillary furnace	
RT – 1700 °C (295 – 1973 K)	Flat plate furnace	
11 – 295 K	PheniX cryostat	Closed cycle cooler. Allow at least 3 hours to change samples.
5 – 295 K	4K Cryostat	Closed cycle cooler. 1 beamtime shift to set up and cooldown. Allow 1 day per sample.
22 – 90 °C (295 - 363 K)	Humidity chamber	
-190 – 600 °C	Linkam DSC	

Table 1 - Sample environment options

3.1 Sample alignment

Two cameras with built-in cross hairs are positioned inside the experimental hutch to allow users to check their sample alignment (Figure 5). Beamline staff will position the cross hairs in the beam path and will provide sample alignment training, if required.

The monitors are located on the wall of the experimental hutch.

Figure 5 - Images from sample alignment cameras

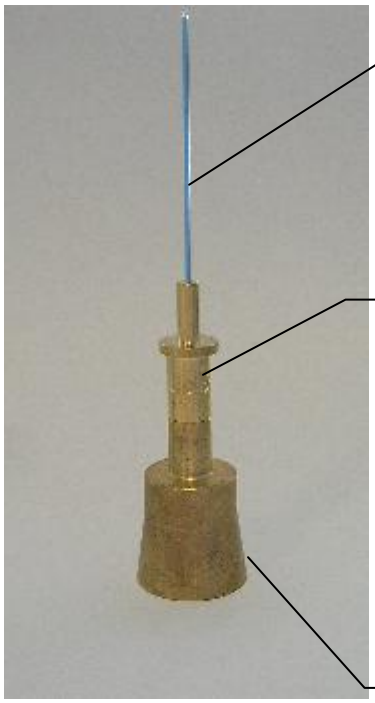
3.2 Sample spinners and holders

Both capillary and flat plate room temperature sample holders fit directly to magnetic spinners mounted at the centre of the θ circle face plate. The sample holders are magnetic.

Please note: Capillaries must be under 4 cm long to ensure compatibility with the robot.

When operating in transmission geometry, absorption by the sample can be a significant problem. Therefore, it is important to choose the correct diameter capillary for your sample, the most commonly used capillary diameters are 0.3, 0.5 and 0.7 mm. A sample absorption calculator is available at http://11bm.xray.aps.anl.gov/absorb/absorb.php.

3.2.1 Capillary spinner


Capillary sample.
Upper brass body. This screws on to the lower brass body.
Lower brass body with internal magnetic body. This fits to the diffractometer.

3.3 Cryostream (80 – 500 K)

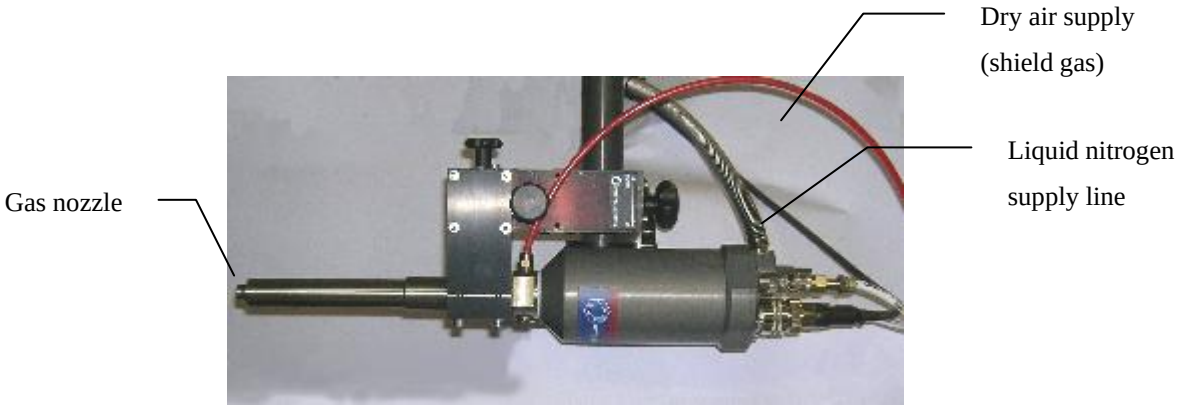


Figure 6 - Cryostream

The Cryostream will be set up by DLS staff on the large sample table and all ancillary equipment connected.

For manual sample changes

- Mount sample capillary on standard sample holder
- Execute `pos tlx 300` command (or use control window Figure 16) to move large table out of position , allowing access to diffractometer
- Place sample on diffractometer
- Execute `pos tlx 0` command (or use control window Figure 16) to move large table, with Cryostream, back into position
- Execute `spin.on()` command in GDA to switch on sample spinner (section 4.3.4). Or use the Enable/Disable button on the EPICS screen
- Set temperature as described in section 9.1

Beware of hot or cold gas jet from Cryostream nozzle when changing samples.

3.4 Cyberstar hot air blower (RT – 1000 °C)

The hot air blower will be set up by DLS staff on the large sample table and all ancillary equipment connected.

- Manual sample changing is as for the Cryostream described above (section 3.3). Temperature control is described in section 9.3

Use quartz capillaries for temperatures above 650C.

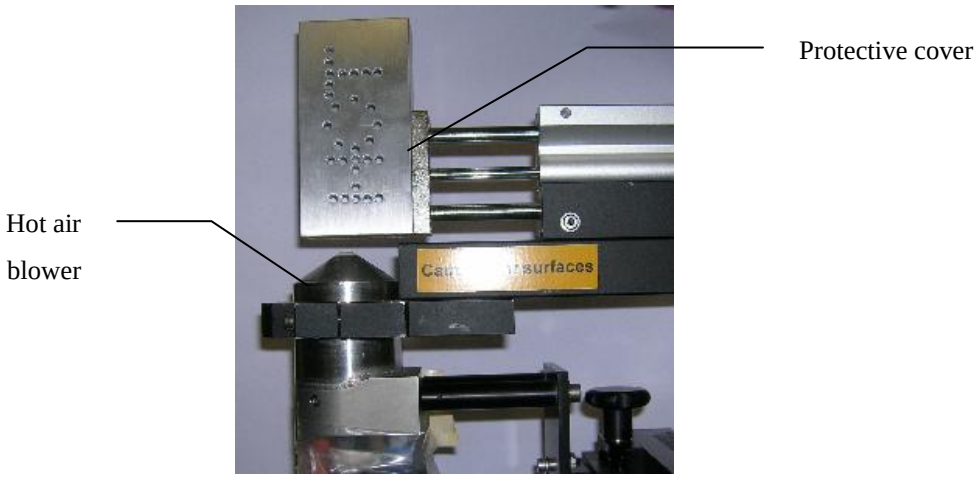


Figure 7 - Hot air blower (with protective cover in position)

Even with the protective cover, users should take care when changing samples if the hot air blower is ON.

3.5 PheniX cryostat (11 – 295 K)

The cryostat will be set up by DLS staff on the diffractometer and all necessary ancillary equipment connected.

- Mount your sample capillary on to the PheniX brass sample holder as shown in Figure 8. Use a small amount of vacuum grease to secure the capillary, if necessary. Aluminium capillaries are available for improve thermal contact.
- Fit sample holder to the cold stage of the PheniX cryostat. There are 2 grub screws that lock it into place
- Check sample alignment (Figure 8)
- Fit the first cover and tighten the 4 screws holding it in place
- Fit the outer cover as shown in Figure 9 and close the 4 clips to hold it in place.

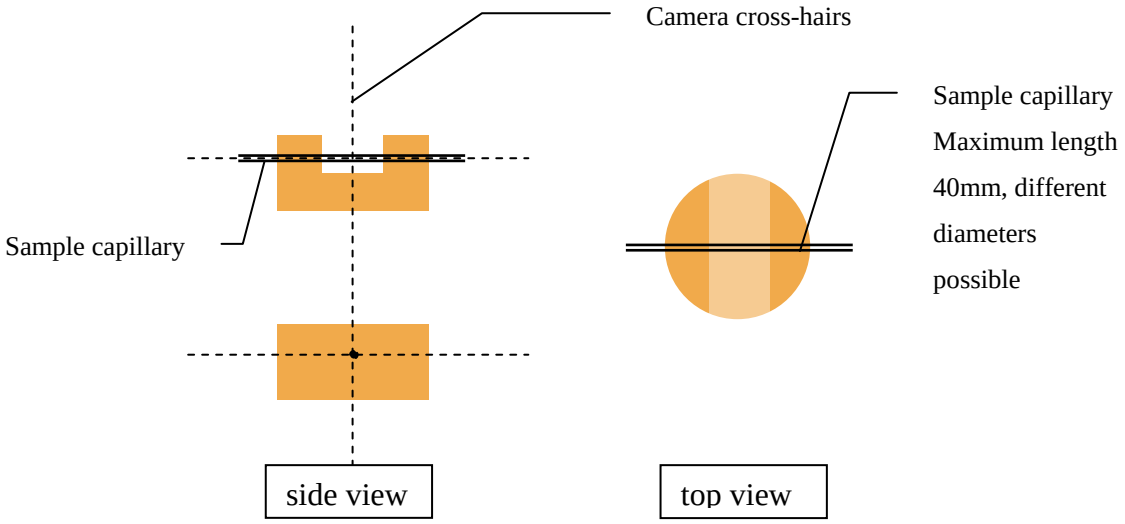


Figure 8 - Sample holder for PheniX cryostat

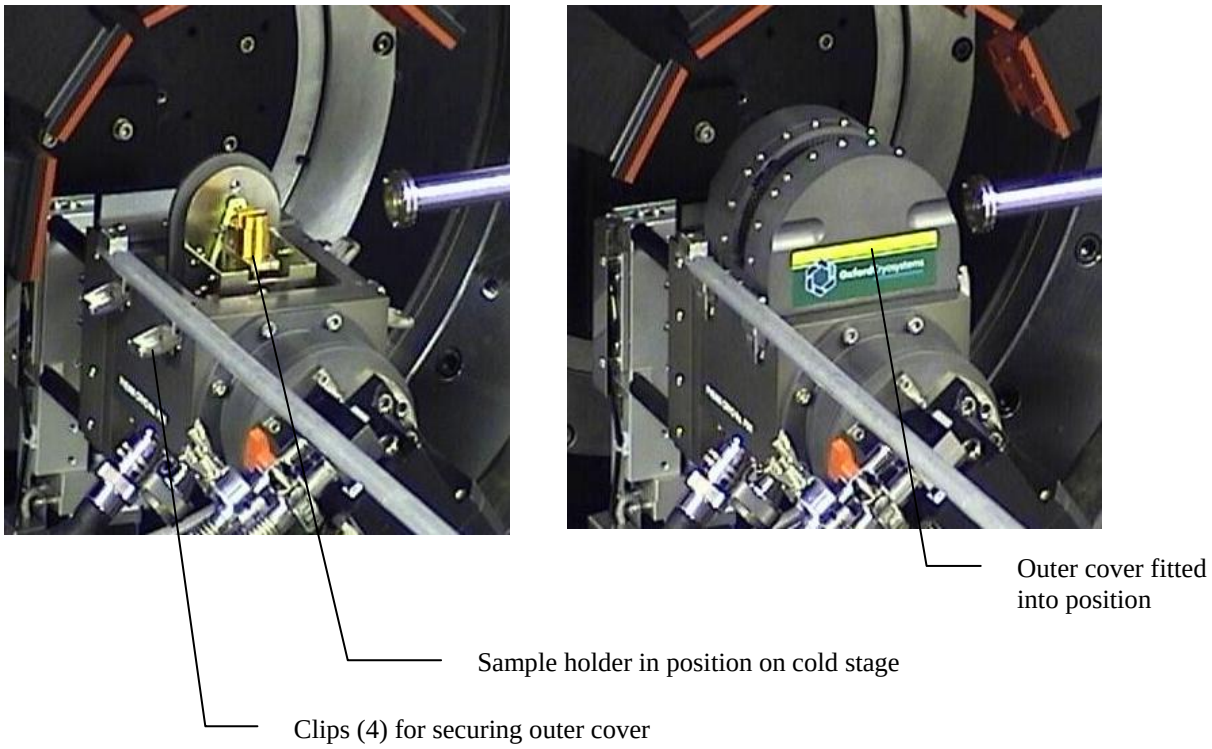


Figure 9 - Views of PheniX cryostat in position on diffractometer

left - both covers removed, right - both covers fitted

- Switch on vacuum diaphragm pump connected to the cryo-seal

On first use, it is necessary to briefly pump with the gas ballast valve open. Pull and twist the sleeve DOWN to open (see

Figure 10), leave for 10 minutes, then pull and twist the sleeve UP to close.

- Check that the vent valve on the side of turbo station is closed
- Switch on the turbo pumping station to pump out the sample space.

Open the gas ballast valve as required (usually approx 10 minutes only). The turbo will accelerate to 1500Hz over the next few minutes.

- Figure 10 shows the turbo controller display.

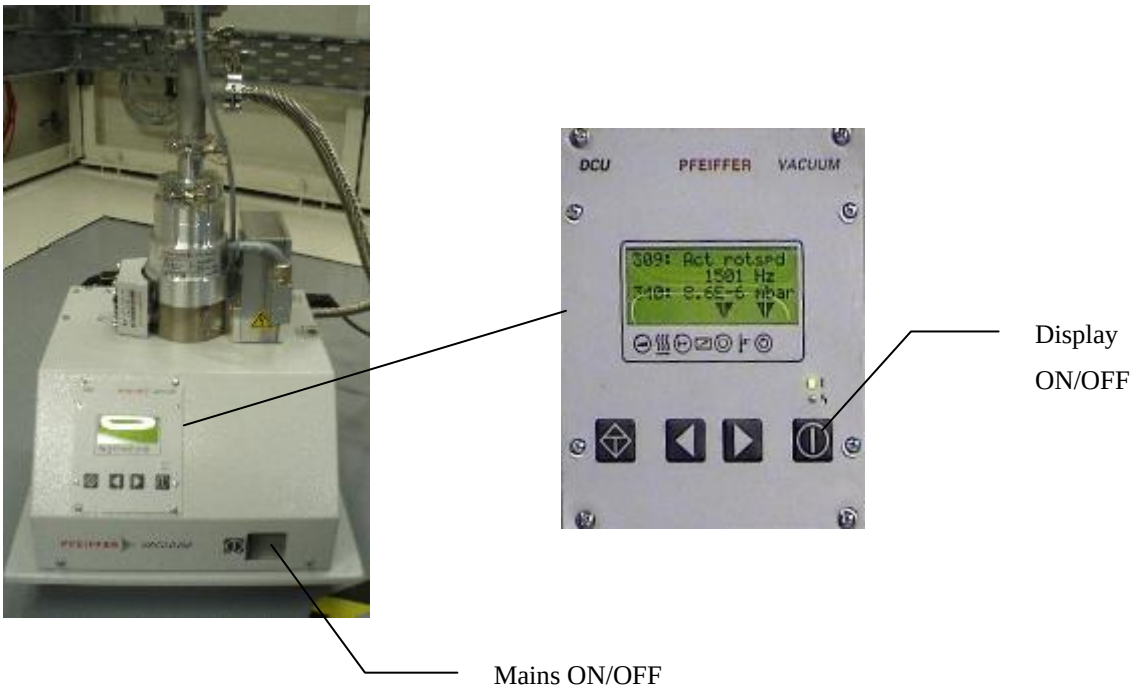


Figure 10 - Pumping set used with PheniX cryostat (front view)

The PheniX cryostat is ready for use when the pressure has fallen below about 10^{-4} mbar. This will take up to 90 minutes for first use and typically 45 minutes thereafter.

- Switch on the controller. Initialise by pressing the Start button, or by using the `pcs.start()` command (see 9.4)
- Set start temperature for experiment (see 9.4)

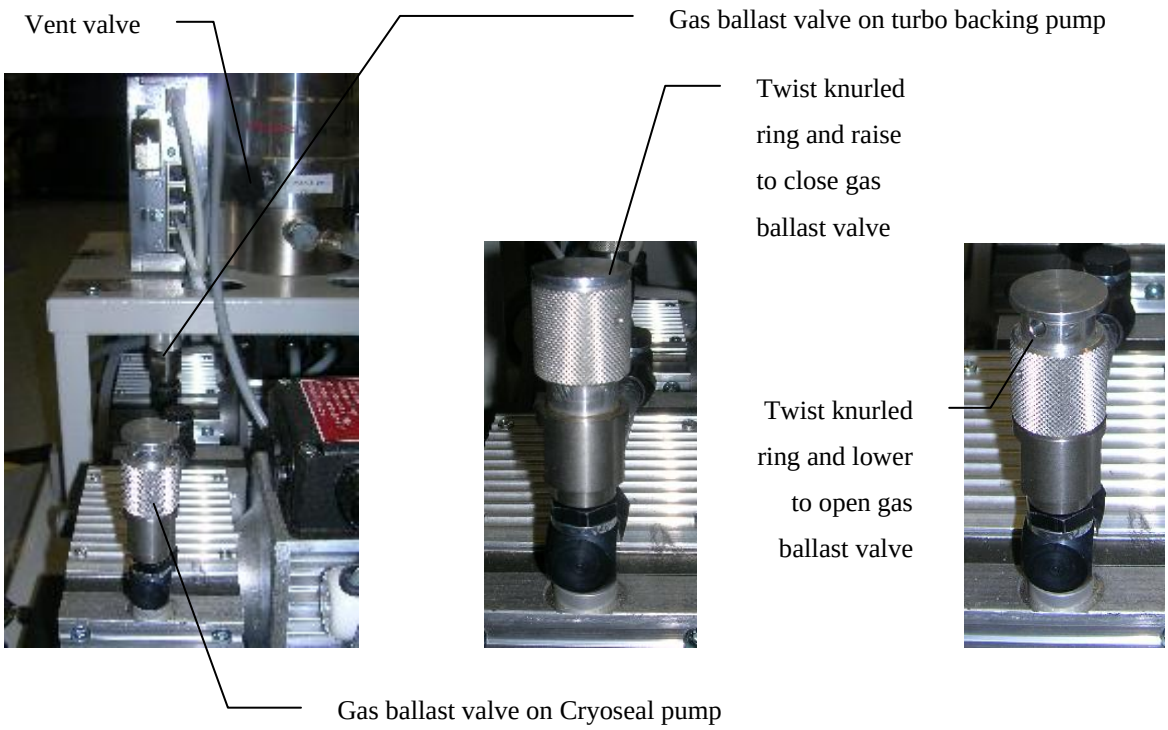

Vent valve
Gas ballast valve on turbo backing pump
Twist knurled ring and raise to close gas ballast valve
Twist knurled ring and lower to open gas ballast valve
Gas ballast valve on Cryoseal pump

Figure 11 - Pumping set for PheniX cryostat (rear view)

To change your sample the cryostat must be fully warmed to room temperature and the vacuum released, see instructions below.

- Once the data collection is completed, in the cryostat controller window select

. The "PhaseID" changes to Warm. This will heat the cryostat to 300K and hold this temperature for half an hour to remove any water from the system. After 30min the "Run mode" indicates "Shutdown OK". For a view of the complete window see Figure 19. To run this from a scripts use the command `pcs.purge()`.

Switch off the turbo pump using the mains on/off button (

- Figure 10).

Once the turbo speed is **below 200Hz** slowly open the black vent valve shown in

- Figure 10.

Do not vent the system until the system is fully warm and the turbo pump has completely stopped.
Failure to do this risks damaging the cryocooler and the pump.

- Release the 4 clips and remove the outer cover
- Loosen but **do not remove** the 4 screws holding the inner cover in place. Slide the inner cover off.
- Loosen 2 grub screws and remove sample holder with sample

3.6 Cryostat (5 – 295 K)

Additional instructions will be provided by beamline staff.

3.7 Humidity chamber

Additional instructions will be provided by beamline staff.

3.8 Capillary furnace (RT – 1500 K)

Additional instructions will be provided by beamline staff.

3.9 Flat plate furnace (RT – 1700 K)

Additional instructions will be provided by beamline staff.

4 Controlling the instrument

All control takes place using two Linux control PCs (ws-001 and ws-002) in the control cabin. Each PC duplicates the other.

4.1 First steps

All users need to log in to the data acquisition software (GDA) as follows:

- Log on to a linux control PC using your FedID and password (supplied by the User Office)
- (using menu bar) Applications | Data Acquisition | 1. start GDA log display

This starts a log file which will run continuously.

- (using menu bar) Applications | Data Acquisition | 2. start GDA servers

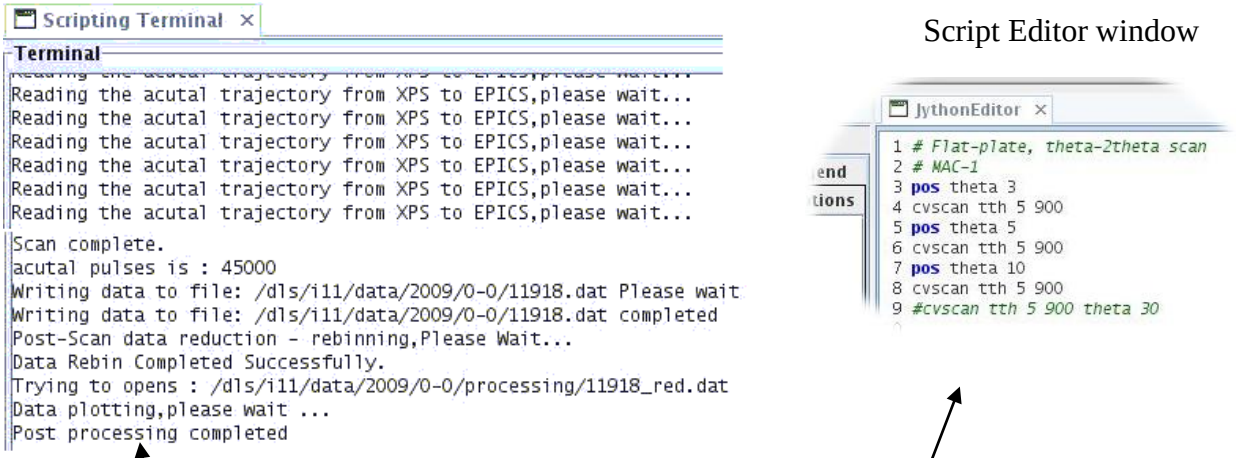
This restarts the GDA servers to load your user visit information

- (using menu bar) Applications | Data Acquisition | start GDA Client
- select OK.

This starts the GDA client window (Figure 12Figure 12 - GDA client display

Main Terminal window

Script Editor window


Scripting Terminal
Terminal
Reading the acutal trajectory from XPS to EPICS,please wait...
Scan complete.
acutal pulses is : 45000
Writing data to file: /dls/i11/data/2009/0-0/11918.dat Please wait
Writing data to file: /dls/i11/data/2009/0-0/11918.dat completed
Post-Scan data reduction - rebinning,Please Wait...
Data Rebin Completed Successfully.
Trying to opens : /dls/i11/data/2009/0-0/processing/11918_red.dat
Data plotting,please wait ...
Post processing completed
JythonEditor
1 # Flat-plate, theta-2theta scan
2 # MAC-1
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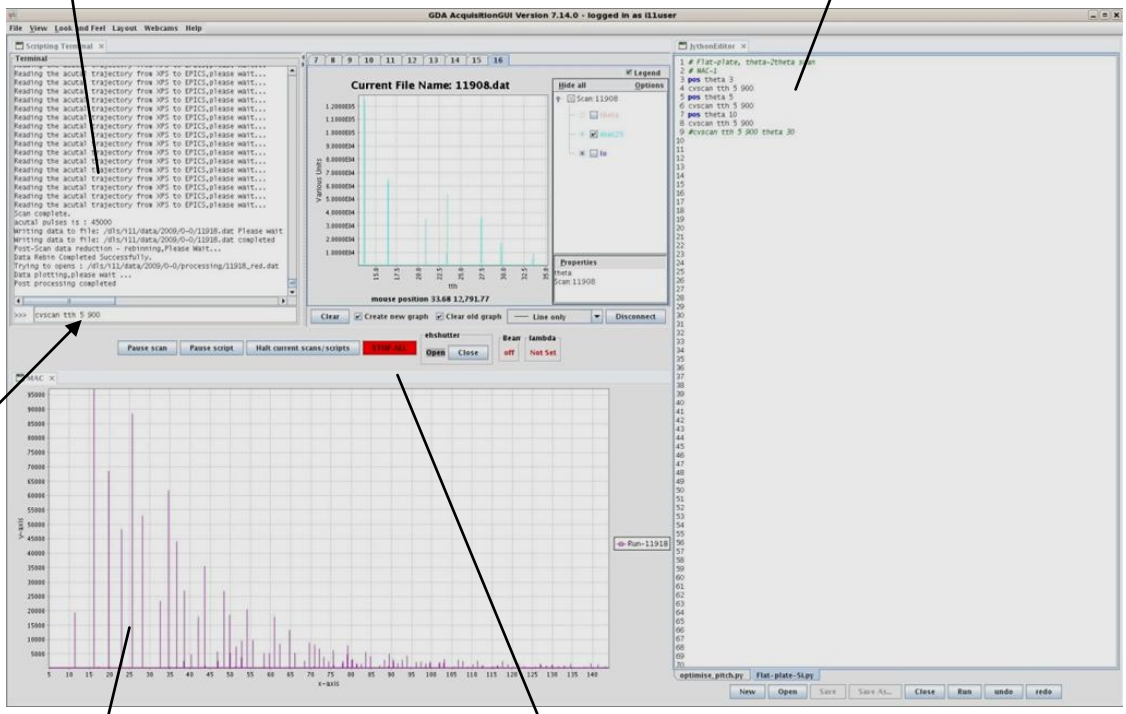
4 cvscan tth 5 900
5 pos theta 5
6 cvscan tth 5 900
7 pos theta 10
8 cvscan tth 5 900
9 #cvscan tth 5 900 theta 30



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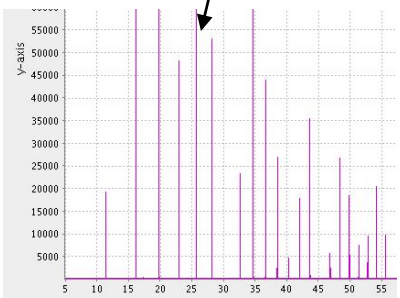


Data display window

Commands for controlling scripts and operating the shutter

Figure 12 - GDA client display

4.2 The synoptic window

From a Linux terminal window type `launcher` then select |Beamlines|I11 powder diffraction to display the synoptic window (Figure 13). As the name suggests, this window provides a synopsis or summary of the beamline topology and hardware from the storage ring to the diffractometer.

The user need be concerned only with parts of the information presented. These are indicated by ⬭ and described in more detail in the remainder of this section.

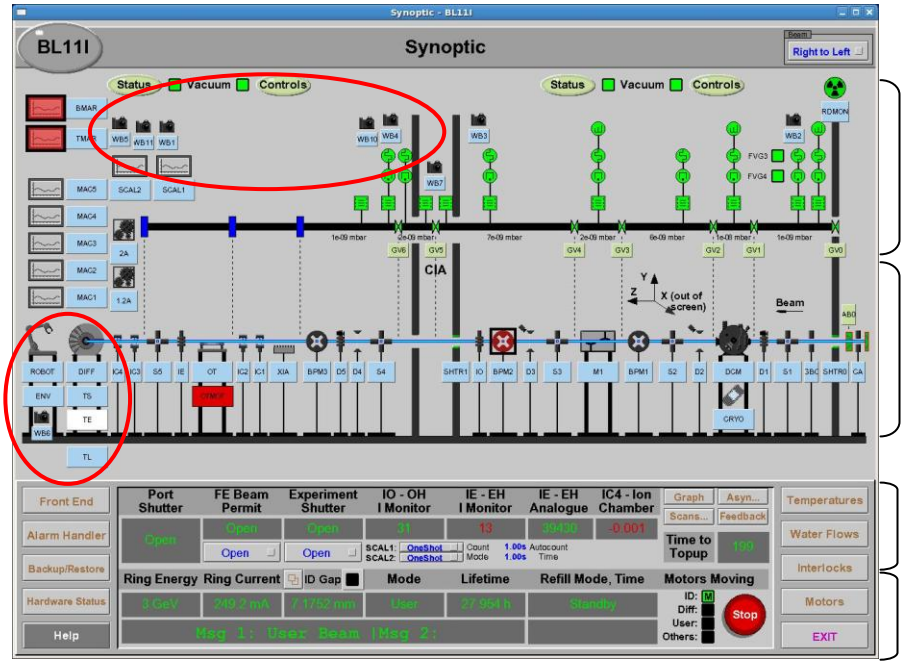
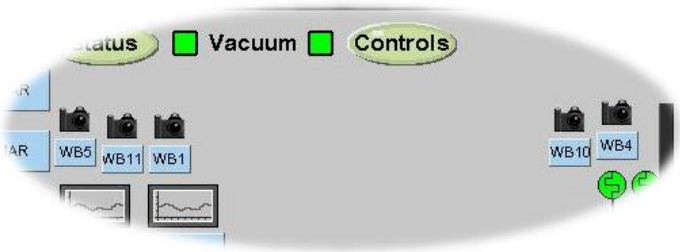


Figure 13 - The synoptic window for I11

4.2.1 Webcam controls



Webcams are labelled WB1…WB11.

Five webcams are located in the experimental hutch 1, 2 are fixed and permanently displayed in the control cabin (Figure 2).

- Double click the required WB icon in the synoptic view to open the corresponding webcam window

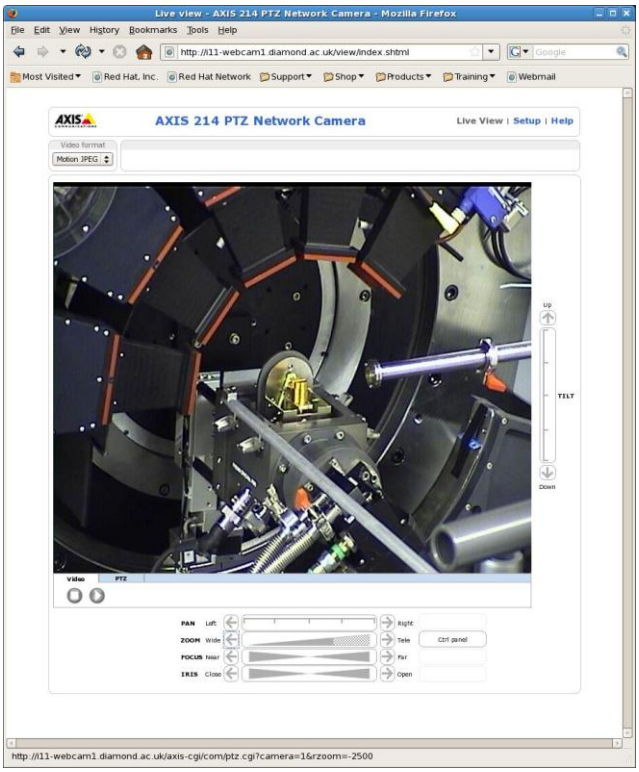


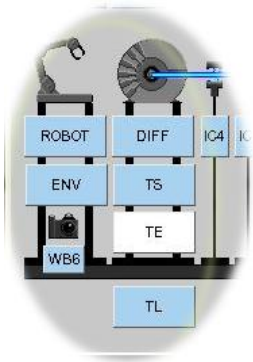
Figure 14 - Typical webcam image - webcam 1

- WB1, WB10 and WB11 can be further controlled by the user
- Use the controls at the bottom of the display to pan and zoom.

- Click

to open a further menu. This includes the option of removing the red cross marking the centre of the image and to switch on the auto focussing.

4.2.2 Diffractometer motors



Select

to open a window for direct control of some of the diffractometer motors (

Figure 15)

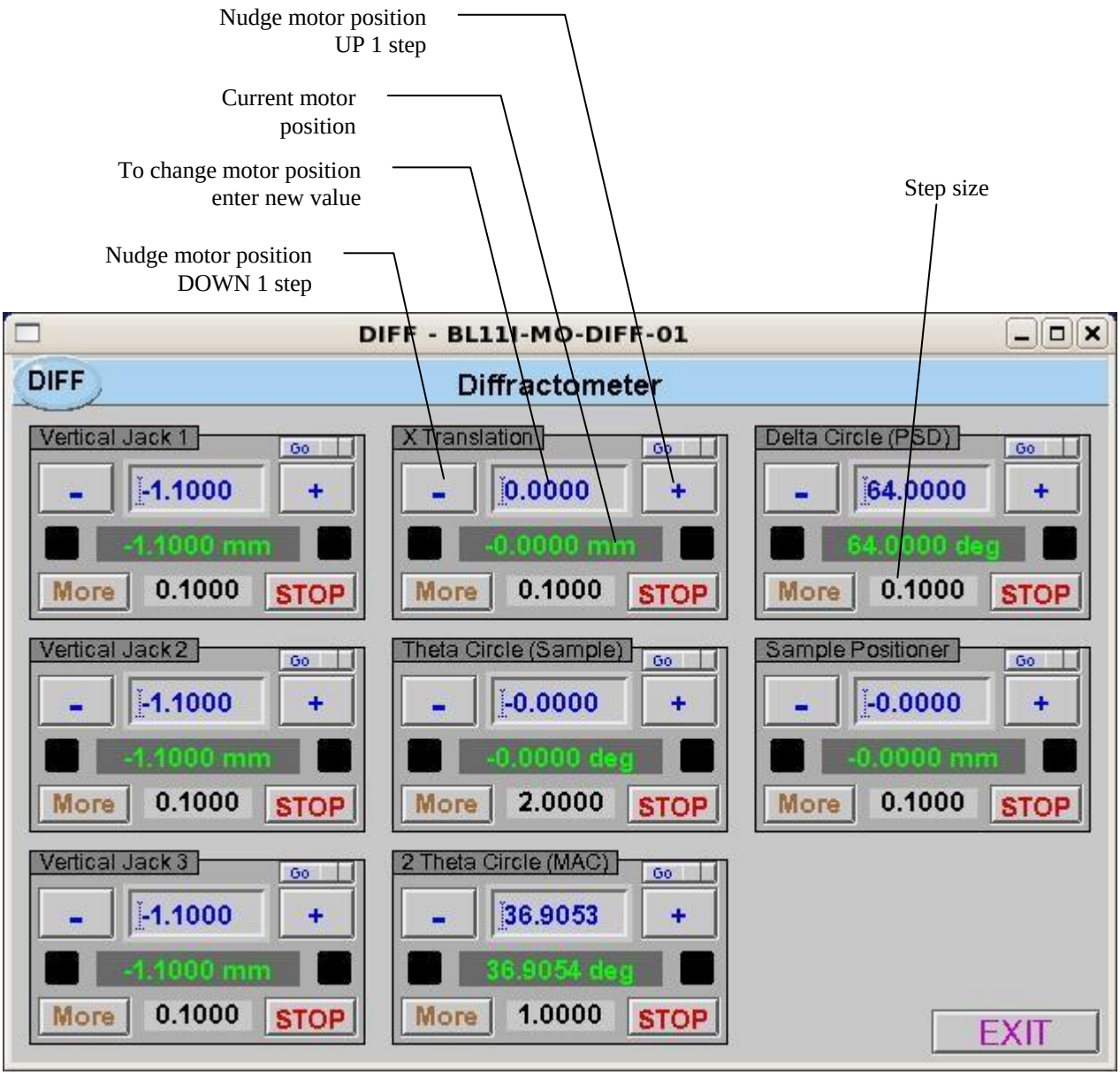


Figure 15 - Diffractometer motor control window

DO NOT move the vertical jacks or the X translation - you will mis-align the diffractometer! Care must be taken when moving θ, 2θ and δ to avoid collision (anti-collision switches are in place)

4.2.3 Large sample table

Select TL to open a window for direct control of the position of the large sample table.

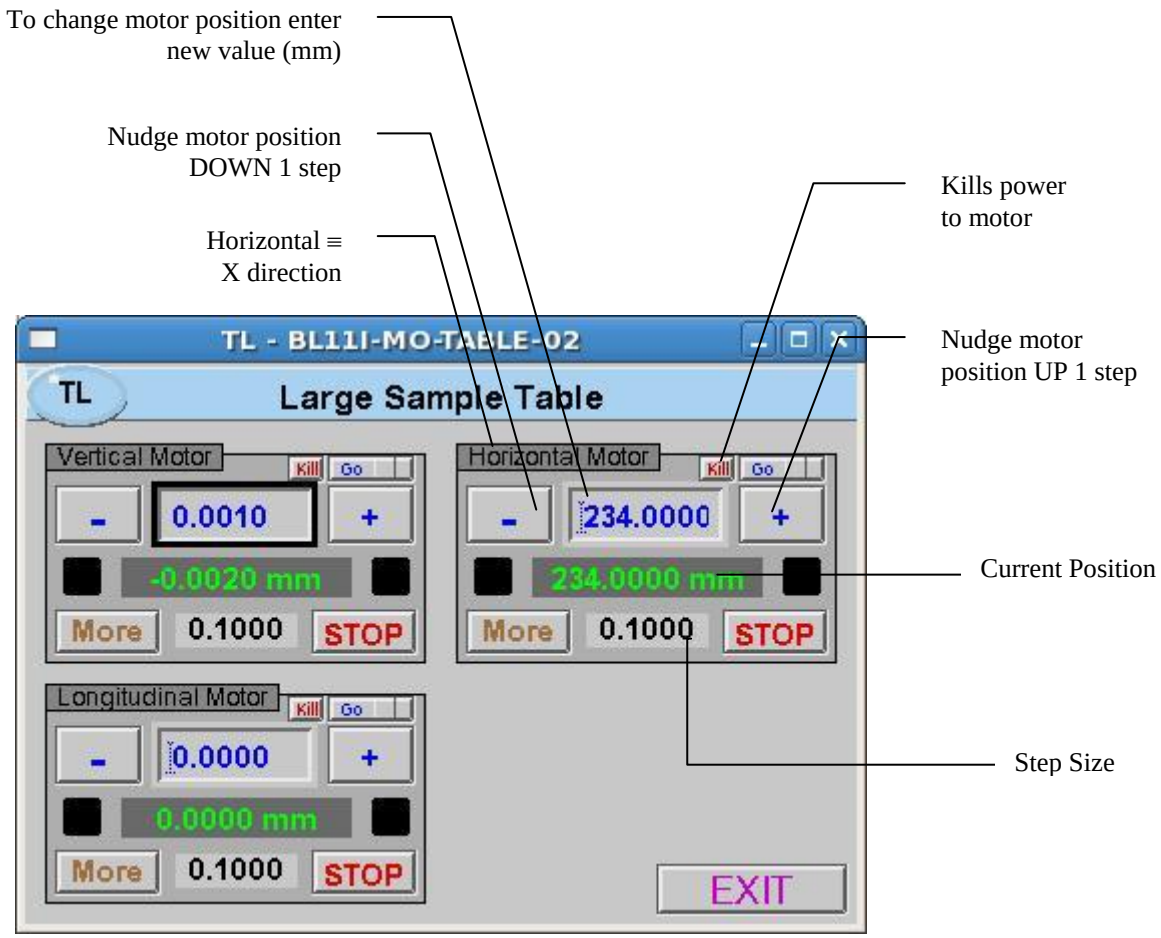


Figure 16 - Motor control for large sample table.

Users should only make adjustments to the Horizontal Motor

300 = Table OUT

0 = Table IN

4.2.4 Sample environment options

- Select ENV to open a window for control of the sample environment options (Figure 17).

Select the appropriate option for your experiment to open another window. These are provided for reference as Figure 18 and Figure 19 but will not be discussed further as users normally control temperature from scripts using GDA.

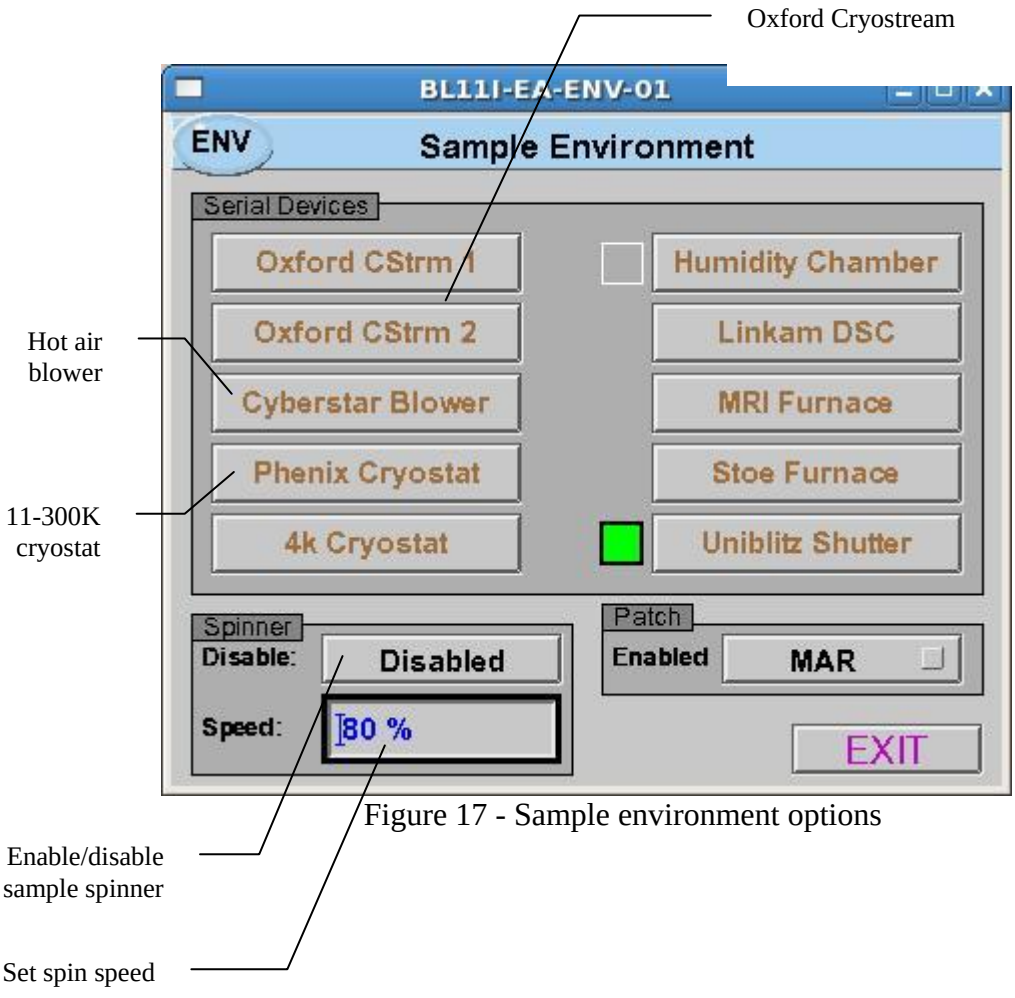


Figure 17 - Sample environment options

The hot air blower, capillary furnace and flat plate furnace all use Eurotherm controllers similar to Figure 18.

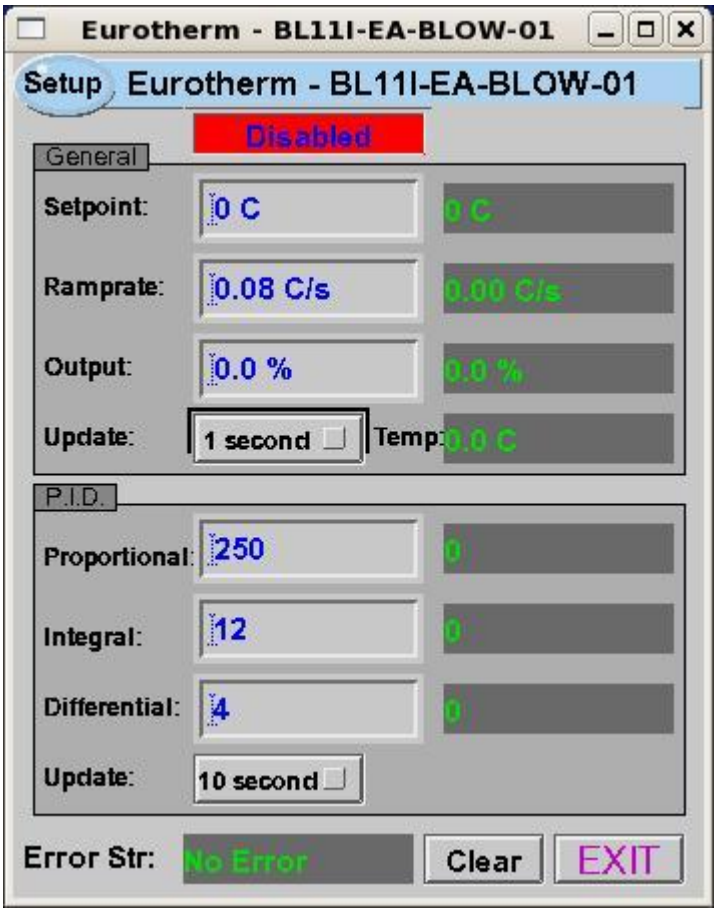


Figure 18 - Eurotherm controller window (for hot air blower, capillary and flat plate furnaces)

The Cryostream and PheniX cryostats both use Oxford Cryosystems controllers similar to Figure 19.

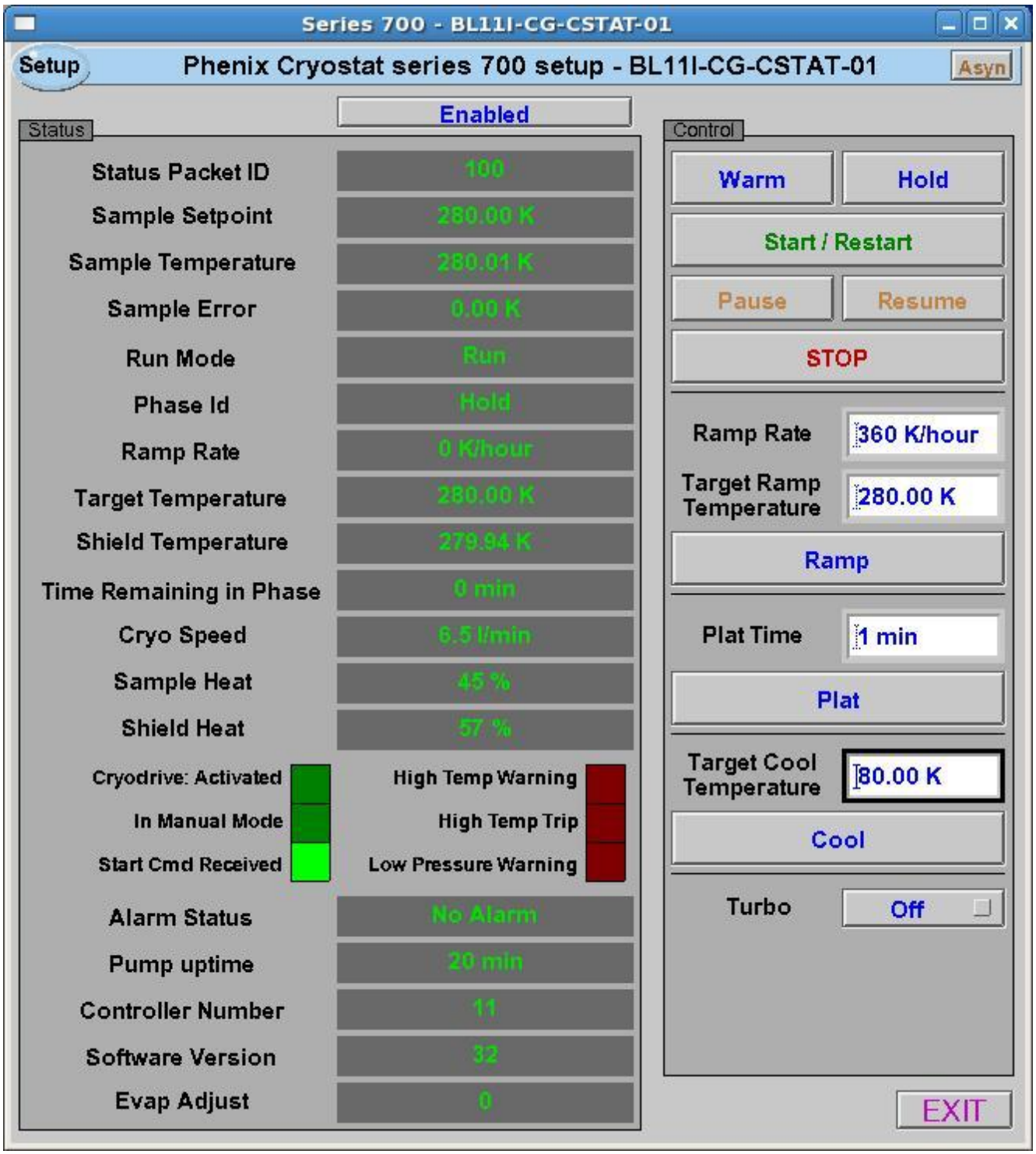


Figure 19 - Oxford Cryosystems controller window (for PheniX and Cryostream)

4.3 GDA Commands

Note that:

- some commands are case sensitive
- there is no syntax check
- where a parameter is enclosed in round brackets, as `(parameter)`, the brackets are an essential part of the command syntax. There is no space before the first bracket.
- where a parameter (or other option) is enclosed in square brackets, as `[parameter]`, the brackets should be omitted in the final command
- commands should be typed into a single line even when examples extend over more than 1 line.

4.3.1 Generic commands

`sleep(time)`	Pause all GDA activities for the specified time in seconds - to be used in a script if a wait time is required
`sleep(300)`	Pause all GDA activity for 300 seconds (perhaps to allow temperature stabilisation)
`pwd`	Lists the present working directory (as for linux)
`lwf`	Gives the full file path of the last working file
`nwf`	Gives the full file path of the next working file
`nfn`	Gives the next file number (no directory path)

4.3.2 Experimental hutch shutter

Open the experimental hutch shutter by clicking the ehshutter Open button in the GDA window.

Close the shutter by clicking the Close button.

Indicates shutter status on beamline synoptic.

4.3.3 Fast shutter

There is a fast shutter embedded in the beamline after the last ion chamber. This is to protect radiation sensitive samples from unnecessary exposure when not collecting data. This is linked in to data collection so should open and close automatically at the beginning and end of data collection. The commands below can be used to open and close the fast shutter at other times, eg. to take a 'burn' of the beam position during experimental alignment and set-up.

```
pos fastshutter "OPEN"
pos fastshutter "CLOSE"
```

4.3.4 Sample spinner

`spin.on()`	Turn on the sample spinner.
`spin.off()`	Turn off the sample spinner
`spin.setspeed(speed)`	Set (or change) the spin speed.
`spin.setspeed(35)`	Set spin speed to 35% of maximum.
`spin.getSpeed()`	Returns the current spin speed.

4.3.5 Beam monitor

The beam monitor command monitors the value of the ion chamber Ic4.

If Ic4 falls below a threshold value this means there is no X-ray beam, because

- the shutter is closed or
- the synchrotron has lost beam.

The scan will pause and the warning message `SCAN PAUSED.WAITING FOR BEAM ON` will appear in the GDA window.

When beam is restored

- step scan will resume.
- constant velocity trajectory scan will stop and restart from the beginning.

`bm.on()`	Turn on the beam monitor facility
`bm.off()`	Turn off the beam monitor facility
`bm.isMonitorOn()`	Is the beam monitor on? 1 = yes, 0 = no

4.3.6 Controlling Position Motors

The command syntax is identical for all motors. A code is used to distinguish between motors as follows:

- Diffractometer θ-circle (sample) theta
- Diffractometer 2θ-circle (MACs) tth
- Diffractometer δ-circle (PSD) delta
- sample X position (across the beam) spos
- large table X position (across the beam) tlx

A number of general commands are available to control the motors.

`pos [motor]`	Read and return the position of a motor
`pos tth`	Read and return the position of the 2θ circle
`pos [motor] [requested value]`	Move the motor to the requested value
`pos tth 10`	Move the 2θ circle motor to 10 degrees
`spos [value]`	Move the sample position (allowed range -20 to +5 mm)

If you move the sample with the `spos` command, use the appropriate camera to ensure that the sample is still in the beam.

`spos 0`	Move sample to default position. (beam hits sample 10mm from end of brass holder)
`spos -20`	Move the sample so that the beam is 10 + 20 = 30mm from end of brass holder
`spos 5`	Move the sample so that the beam is 10 – 5 = 5mm from end of brass holder
`pos tlx 0`	Move the table to location close to diffractometer
`pos tlx 300`	Move table 300mm away from diffractometer

Moving the large table towards and away from the diffractometer provides a convenient way to move variable temperature equipment out of the way to change samples. See examples in sections 3.3 and 3.4.

5 Constant Velocity Scanning Commands (MAC data collection)

5.1 Constant velocity scan (cvscan)

The user specifies only the total time for the scan (seconds). A motion trajectory is calculated so that the diffractometer 2θ circle moves at a constant angular speed. The detectors are gated at sufficient frequency to give a nominal 2θ interval of 1 mdeg.

`cvscan(time)`	Perform constant velocity scan.
`cvscan(1800)` `cvscan 1800`	Either command performs 2θ cvscan with a total counting time of 30 minutes
`scan ds 1 3 1 cvscan 1800`	Perform 3 2θ cvscans with a counting time of 30 minutes each.
`cvscan.stop()`	Stops the current cvscan

Constant velocity scans with sample stage translation motor (stagescan)

`scan spos [start] [stop] [step] cvscan [time]`	Perform a constant velocity scan of specified time at each position of spos.
`scan spos -20 0 4 cvscan 120`	Performs a 2 minute constant velocity scan of specified time at each position of spos (-20, -16, -12, -8, -4, and 0).

Constant velocity scan with theta rocking

In use, the PheniX cryostat (11 – 300 K), gas cell or other user sample environment that is mounted on the theta circle of the diffractometer can be oscillated during a 2θ scan.

This can be done by appending `rocktheta` at the end of a scan command or switching on/off the rocking when required

`scan ds 1 3 1 cvscan 1800 rocktheta`	Perform 3 2θ cvscans with a counting time of 30 minutes each whilst rocking the theta circle.
`rocktheta.start()`	Starts the theta rocking
`rocktheta.stop()`	Stops the theta rocking
`rocktheta.setLowerLimit(-20)`	Sets the lower limit of the rocking motion to be θ = -20. !!!!!!!!Do not change the limits of rocking without checking the range of movement is clear!!!!!!!!
`rocktheta.setUpperLimit(20)`	Sets the lower limit of the rocking motion to be $\theta = 20$

6 Step Scanning Commands

Single motor or step scan (scan)

`scan [motor] [start] [finish] [stepsize] [detector] [count time]`	Move the motor from [start] to [finish] in steps, allowing the [detector] to count for [count time] seconds at each motor position
`scan tth 10 20 0.005 Io 2`	Scan 2θ from 10° to 20° in steps of 0.005°, allowing Io to count for 2 seconds at each motor position

Concurrent multi-motor scans

`scan [motor1] [start1] [finish1] [step1] [motor2] [start2] [step2] [detector] [count time]`	Scan [motor 1] from [start1] to [finish1] in steps of [step1, simultaneously with motor 2 etc collecting data at each point for [count time] seconds.
`scan tth 10 30 0.002 theta 5 0.001 mac15 1`	Scan θ - 2θ concurrently, starting at 10°, finishing at 30°, with θ steps of 0.001°, 1 second per step, using the MAC15 detector.

Multi-motor nested or grid scans

`scan [motor1] [start1] [end1] [step1] [motor2] [start2] [end2] [step2] [detector name] [time]`	Perform a grid of scans using [motor1] from [start1] to [end1] in steps of [step1] and likewise [motor2]. Collect data for [time] at each point using [detector]
`scan tth 10 30 0.002 theta 5 10 0.001 mac15 1`	Perform a grid of scans. 2θ moves from 10° to 30° in 0.001° steps. At each 2θ, θ moves from 5° to 10° in steps of 0.001°. Detector MAC15 records intensity for 1 second at each point.

7 PSD Data Collection

Before using the PSD (Mythen detector) from GDA the NewMythenII GUI must be started in order to load the trimbits to the detector modules and set the correct thresholds. A beamline scientist will do this for you. The fast shutter is opened at the beginning of any scan and closed at the end to protect sample from beam damage.

7.1 Data Collection

A file 12345.dat is created listing the frame number and corresponding mythen data file for each frame. Data for multiple frames has the same file number but with an extension indexing mythen and the frame number e.g. 12345-mythen-0001.dat

`psd t`	collects one frame (exposed for t seconds)
`psd 1`	1 frame of 1 sec exposure
`psd t n`	collects n frames (exposed for t seconds each)
`psd 1 10`	10 frames of 1 sec each

`psdrt 10`	A 10 sec PSD data collection with the theta circle rocking
`scan delta [angle1] [angle2] [anglestep] mythen t`	Collects data for one frame at angle1 and one frame at angle 2. Two .dat files will be written to your data directory eg. 12345-mythen-0001.dat and 12345-mythen-0002.dat. Using the object smythen in place of mythen means the 2 files will subsequently be summed and the merged data file also saved, 12345-mythen-summed.dat
`scan delta 5 5.25 0.25 smythen 1`	Collects one frame (of 1 second) at 5 degrees and a second frame at 5.25 degrees. Then sums the frames
`scan delta 5 5.25 0.25 mythen 1`	Collects one frame (of 1 second) at 5 degrees and a second frame at 5.25 degrees.
`scan [tempdevice] [start T] [end T] [T step] ds 1.0 n 1.0 mythen t`	A temperature scan can be called to collect multiple frames with the PSD over a range of temperatures.
`scan ocs 200 300 5 ds 1.0 10.0 1.0 mythen t`	Cryostream scan [ocs] changing temperature from 200 to 300 K in 5 K steps, collecting 10 frames of 1 sec at each temperature Note that the number of frames you wish to collect at each temperature needs to be written with a decimal place, ie 10.0 not 10

The file number 12345.dat for this scan will contain 3 columns, listing the temperature, frame number (at that T) and PSD data file.

For faster temperature scanning with the PSD see section 9.1.

8 Robotic Arm and carousel

The robotic arm and carousel are identified (in blue) in Figure 3.
Each of 4 carousel trays can hold 50 samples (200 total). Every 5th location is numbered.
The robotic arm is interlocked with the experimental hutch door so will not operate unless the hutch has been searched and locked.

> The user has complete freedom when loading the carousel but is responsible for recording where samples are!

> The marked area of the large table must remain totally clear otherwise the robot arm could be obstructed or cause damage.

Pleae note that the robot commands do not switch on the sample spinner. Check that the spinner is running before activating the robot.

8.1 Manual Sample Change Commands

Use these commands to insert and remove individual samples from the diffractometer sample stage. The following commands must be run before any use of the robot.

`sample.start()` — Switch on the robot server.

`sample.recover()` — Check for the presence of a sample on the diffractometer. Remove any sample present and place in the recovery tray on the carousel stand.

`sample.stop()`	Stop robot and switch off server
`pos sample [samplenumber]`	Pick up sample from location [samplenumber] on carousel and place on diffractometer.
`sample.clearSample()`	Pick up sample from spinner and replace in original position on carousel.
`sample.finish()`	Switch off the robot.

You must also use the `sample.start()` and `sample.recover()` commands to initialise the robot following an emergency stop or opening of the hutch door.

8.2 Multiple sample scans

In this mode the robotic arm

- picks up a sample from the carousel and places it on the diffractometer
- performs a cvscan
- removes the sample and returns it to the carousel.
- The sample start and recover commands are run automatically at the beginning of the scan, and the sample stop commands is run at the end. You will therefore need to run a start and recover command before using the robot again (unless it's in a scan sample command)

`scan sample [firstsample] [last sample] [step] cvscan [time]`	Perform 2θ cvscan for the specified [time] for every [step]th sample between [firstsample] and [lastsample]
`scan sample 1 21 1 cvscan 1800`	Perform 30 minute 2θ cvscan on

every sample between 1 and 21.

Multiple sample scans with sample position translation for each sample

`scan sample [firstsample] [lastsample] [samplestep] spos [startpos] [endpos] [posstep] cvscan [time]`	Perform a cvscan for samples [firstsample] to [lastsample] at each position from [startpos] to [endpos] in steps of [posstep], with 2theta [start], counting for [time] at each position

Robot error codes

If the robotic arm fails an error code will be reported in the terminal panel. Use this to help beamline staff identify the problem. The most common error codes are:

2010 Diffractometer move not completed

2450 Interlock problem

3540 Robot interlock key missing

2070 Server not active

9 Sample environment control commands

Command syntax is identical for all variable temperature options (with some minor exceptions). A 3-letter code is used to distinguish between hardware as follows:

- ocs Oxford Cryostream
- csb Cyberstar Hot air blower
- pcs PheniX cryostat
- capf STOE capillary furnace
- mri flat plate furnace
- humidity chamber
- cs4 4 K cryostat
- linkam linkam DSC

9.1 Fast Temperature Scanning

The use of the pos command to set the temperature (see below) will wait for the temperature to be achieved before returning and allowing the next command (e.g. data collection) to be run. For fast temperature scanning, e.g. using the PSD with cryostream or hot-air blower, you may simply wish to set the temperature ramping and be able to collect data as it is changing.

`caput("BL11I-CG-CSTRM-01:RTEMP", 100)`	Sets the Cryostream target temperature to 100K and the temperature will begin to change until it reached the set temperature. Note that the cryostream cannot be set to another temperature. The `ocs.stop()` command (a few times) must be used to stop the asynchronous command, see 9.2
`scan ds 1.0 10.0 1.0 mythen 1 ocs`	Command to take 10 frames of 1 sec each with the PSD. The appending of ocs to the command line means the temperature will be

	read from the Cryostream after each frame and written as an extra column in the .dat file, see §7.1

9.2 Oxford Cryostream

`ocs.start()`	Initialise the Cryostream
`pos ocs`	Get current temperature (K)
`ocs`	Get current temperature (K)
`pos ocs 270`	Set temperature to 270 K
`ocs.getRampRate()`	Get current ramp rate (K/hour)
`ocs.setRampRate(180)`	Set the temperature ramp rate to 180 K/hour. (Maximum is 360 K/hour)
`ocs.stop()`	Stop ramp immediately and hold temperature
`ocs.end()`	Run Cryostream shutdown procedure

9.3 Cyberstar Hot-Air blower

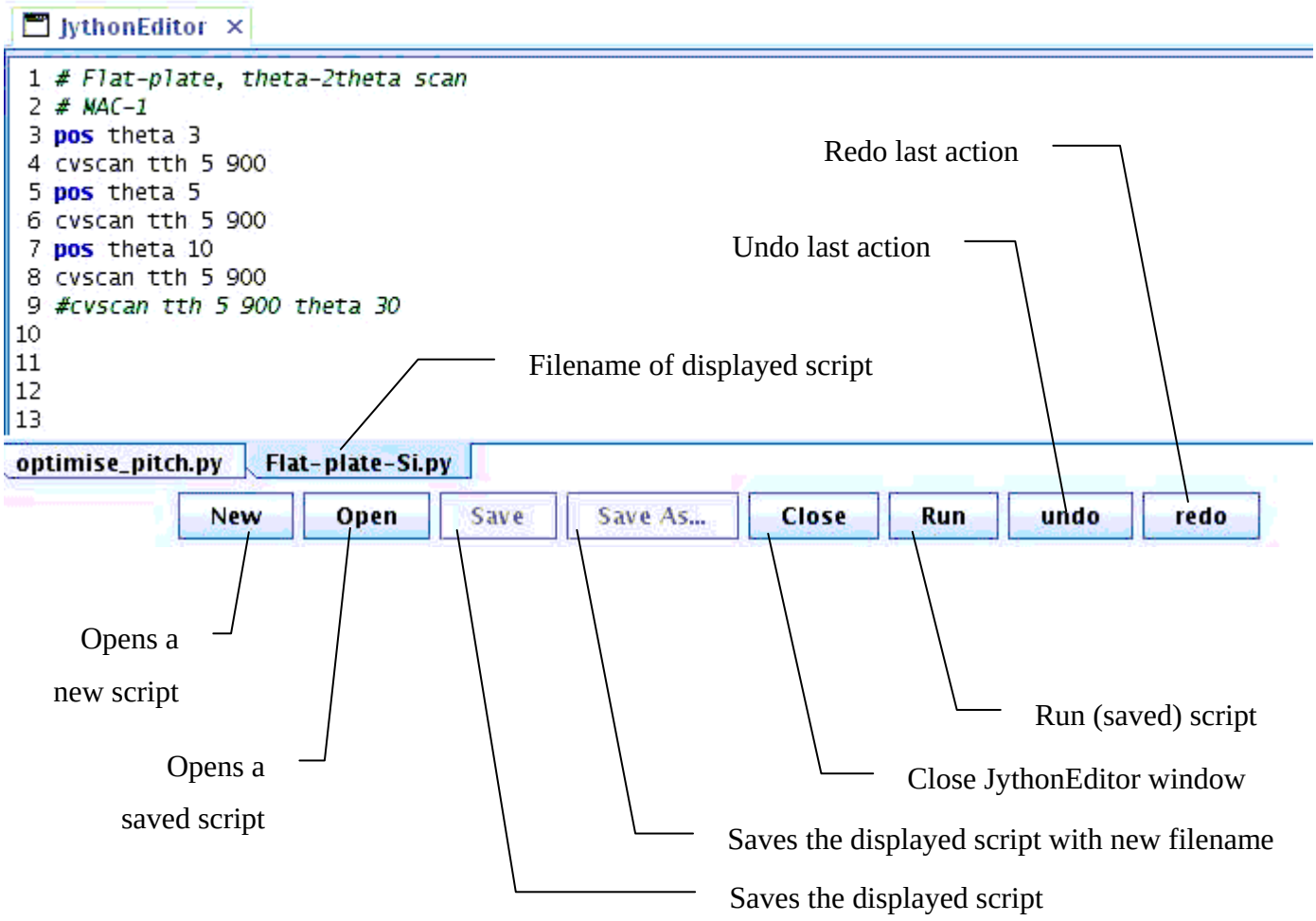
`pos csb`	Get current temperature (°C)
`pos csb 500`	Set temperature to 500 °C
`csb.stop()`	Stop ramp immediately and hold temperature
`pos csb 23`	Set temperature to 23 °C. Use this command to ramp down the temperature before switching off.
`csb.setRampRate(0.1)`	Set the temperature ramp rate to 0.08 °C/sec (= 5 °C/min). (Maximum is 0.16 °C/sec = 10 °C/min)

9.4 PheniX cryostat operation

`pcs.start()`	Initialise the PheniX cryostat
`pos pcs`	Get current temperature (K)
`pcs`	Get current temperature (K)
`pos pcs 50`	Set temperature to 50 K
`pcs.getRampRate()`	Get current ramp rate (K/hour)
`pcs.setRampRate(180)`	Set the temperature ramp rate to 180K/hour. (Maximum is 360 K/hour)
`pcs.stop()`	Stop ramp immediately and hold temperature
`pcs.end()`	Run PheniX shutdown procedure (see §3.5)
`pcs.end()`	Runs the warm phase (see §3.5)

10 Writing and running scripts

Use the JythonEditor window in the GDA to write sequences of commands.



Notes on the JythonEditor:

- The JythonEditor does not check for syntax (except capitalization)
- Comments require the # character at the beginning of the line
- Some commands are given pre-programmed colour codes to make the script easier to read
- There are no “end” or “stop” commands
- Tabs allow many files to be edited at once
- Use ctrl+c and ctrl+v to copy/paste between scripts.
- you must **SAVE** your script before it can be **RUN**

- If the **RUN** button is not highlighted, either the script is not saved or GDA is busy.

The current scan or an entire script can be paused or halted from the GDA display.

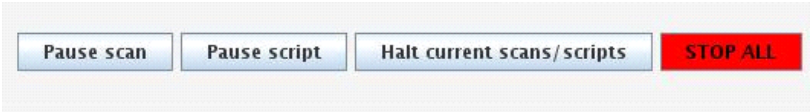


Figure 20 - Control of scripts

10.1 Script commands

- Scripts use the jython programming language
- Commands can be entered line by line in a script exactly as they would on the command line
- For example a script to change the temperature of the cryostream (ocs), wait 5 minutes at each temperature to allow the sample to equilibrate, and then collect a cvscan could be written as follows:

```
pos ocs 100
sleep(300)
cvscan 1800
pos ocs 120
sleep(300)
cvscan 1800
pos ocs 140
sleep(300)
cvscan 1800
pos ocs 160
sleep(300)
cvscan 1800
pos ocs 180
sleep(300)
cvscan 1800
```

- Alternatively this could be written in a loop, every command that is indented is included in the loop:

```
for i in range(100,200,20):
```

```
pos ocs i
sleep(300)
cvscan 1800
interruptable()
```

- When using a range in this way (e.g. start, stop, step) the stop point is not included in the loop, so for this example the final cvscan will be run at 180 K
- The `interruptable()` command is important and **MUST** be placed at the beginning or end of every loop; this enables the loop to be paused/halted, for example, if the beam is lost.

11 Data Handling

11.1 Data Directories and Subdirectories

11.1.1 Where is my data?

Your main experimental directory has the same name as your visit number e.g. EE1234-1

This directory is in the I11 directory for the current year so,

From a windows machine open an explorer window and type in the address bar:

\\i11-storage\i11\data\2010\ee1234-1

And from a linux terminal window:

```
cd  /dls/i11/data/2010/ee1234-1
```

Run numbers will automatically increment by 1 for each scan – it is your responsibility to keep a record of which scan is of which sample!!

Each scan will consist of an SRS file, `12345.dat`, which list the data files for that scan, and any other information you have appended such as the cryostream temperature (see section 9.1). The data files for MAC data will be in the form `12345-mac-001.raw` (raw data) and `12345-mac-002.dat` (rebinned data)

11.1.2 Creating sub directories

For experiments creating a LARGE number of data files you may wish to divide you data directory into sub-directories, e.g. a new sub-directory for each sample.

`setSubdirectoy('myfirstsample')`	Creates a new subdirectory within ee1234-1 called myfirstsample. All subsequent data will be written into this subdirectory until you set a new subdirectory or return to the main directory
`setSubdirectory('')`	Returns to the main directory (ie. no subdirectory set)

11.1.3 Adding a title to the file

`SRSWriteAtFileCreation="MyTitle"` Sets the title in the header file to be MyTitle. Warning: This will be applied to all subsequent data files until you change it!

11.2 Automatic processing of MAC data

This takes place after every constant velocity scan (cvscan) as follows.

- Data rebinned to step size 0.001 degree
- Data file ⇒ your data directory

For example, raw data file number 3051-mac-001.raw ⇒ 3051-mac-001.dat

If data collection has been paused part way through a cvscan (eg. due to a beam loss) then only the processed .dat file is saved, not the raw data.

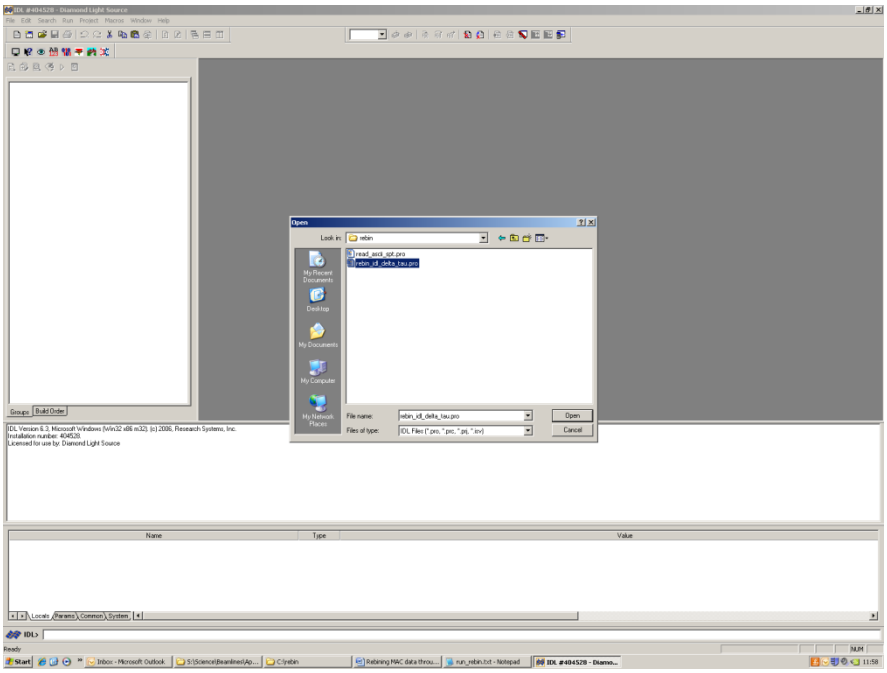
11.3 Rebinning MAC data

Rebinning MAC data through windows

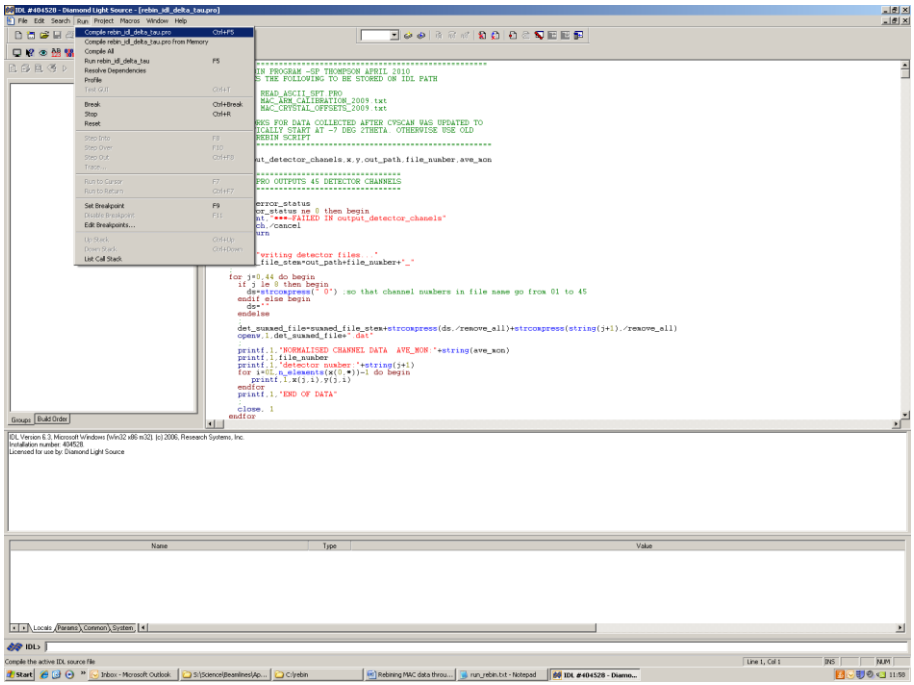
This software is currently only installed on the local drives for ws003 and ws005.

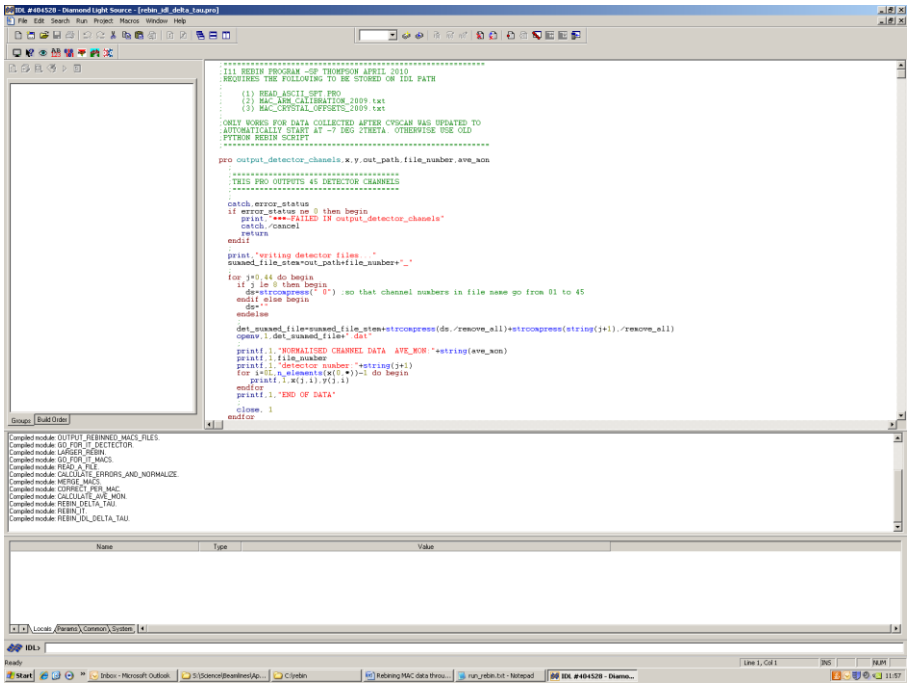
Steps 1-3 only need to be done once per IDL session

1. Double click the IDL 6.3 icon on the desk top, this opens the interactive IDL environment
2. At the top of the IDL window go to **"open"** and navigate to the C:\rebin directory and select the file **"rebin_idl_delta_tau.pro"**. this will load the rebin program into the top right pane of the IDL environment



3. Click on “run” at the top of the IDL window and select the first entry in the drop down menu: “compile rebin_idl_delta_tau.pro”. This will produce some compiler messages in the middle pane of the IDL environment





4. On the desktop open a **"my computer"** and navigate to **C:\rebin** and open **"run_rebin.txt"**, preferably using notepad. This is a small IDL file that contains all the necessary information about your data needed to run the rebin and is split into fairly obvious sections

    a. Edit the last section of the **<path>** variable to give the right directory for your data

    path="\\data\i11\data\2011\ee1234-1\"

    b. Do same for the **<out_path>** directory, note the output directory must be the processing folder inside your data directory

    out_path="\\i11-storage\i11\data\2011\ee6547-1\processing\"

    c. Edit the **< file_list>** variable to contain a comma separated list of all the files you want to rebin (**note** the space after the first quotation mark for each file). If you have so many files that you need to go to a new line, after the last comma of the line, put a dollar sign and press return, eg " 79123-mac-001", $

    file_list=[" 81369-mac-001"," 81370-mac-001"]

    d. Edit the choice of a rebin variable called **<argument>** to select sum or batch rebin

    e. Edit the **<step_size>** variable to your desired rebin step size

    f. Edit the **<user_comment>** variable to contain a string that is added to the end of the rebinned file. **Note** the **space after the 1st quotation mark;** this is only necessary if the comment string starts with a number. As a default, I recommend setting the string to the step size

g. Save this file and leave notepad open if you want to do more rebinning

5. Back at the IDL window, in the bottom command line entry line type the following

.run "c:\rebin\run_rebin.txt"

And watch the printed output. To rebin more files, simply repeat step 4a-g and use the up arrow key to recall the .run command

NOTE: sometimes the Diamond network fails to make a connection to the data directory and rebin returns a "failed in…" type message. In this instance type **close, /all** into the command line: and press return twice. If failed in rebin messages are still being returned, check your typing.

11.4 Data Processing - PSD data

11.4.1 Automatic data merging

Using the detector object `smythen` in place of `mythen` will automatically merge data files after collection (see §7.1)

11.4.2 Data Merging

If you forget to use the smythen object, or chose not to, and wish to sum the data collected from two delta positions (using the scan delta command) the two frames from a scan can be merged together afterwards using a routine called mythenbin.py

From a linux terminal window cd to your data directory (e.g. /dls/i11/data/2009/ee0) Then call the mythenbin script to merge the two files. Note that the merged file will need to be written to your data processing directory as you do not have write permissions to your data directory:

```
mythenbin.py FILE1 FILE2 > processing/NEWFILE
```

E.g. To merge 12345-mythen-0001.dat and 12345-mythen-0002.dat:

```
mythenbin.py 12345-mythen-0001.dat 12345-mythen-0002.dat  >
processing/12345-merged.dat
```

11.4.3 Mythen Data Summing

A program for summing Mythen data, mythensum.py, is also available. Remember that if a sample is changing structure, or even expanding or contracting during a series of data collections, summing these data together won't help you very much! Summed smythen files can also be added together using this method.

```
mythensum.py 12345-mythen-0001.dat 12345-mythen-0002.dat  >
processing/12345-summed.dat
```

OR

```
mythensum.py 12345-mythen-*.dat  >  processing/12345-summed.dat
```

12 Data Plotting

Data from the MAC and PSD will be plotted in the DataPlot windows of GDA. To plot data from an older visit use the full file path in place of the scan number e.g.
`"/dls/i11/data/2010/ee0/12345-mythen-001.dat"`

`plot MAC "12345-mac-001.dat"`	Plots the MAC file 12345-mac-001.dat as a new plot (overwrites any existing plot)
`plotover MAC "12345-mac-002.dat"`	Adds 12345-mac-002.dat to the existing plot in the Data Plot window.
`plot PSD "12345-mythen-0003.dat"`	Plots the chosen PSD data frame (overwrites any existing plot)
`plotover PSD "12234-mythen-0004.dat"`	Plots the chosen frame onto the existing plot in the Data Plot window
`plot PSD "12345-mythen-summed.dat"`	To plot a merged PSD data file

13 Troubleshooting

All motors return to their original positions after a scan, including the Cryostream/hot-air blower temperatures!	To turn OFF the return to original positions flag, on the gda command line type `scansReturnToOriginalPositions=0` To switch back ON type `scansReturnToOriginalPositions=1`
The GDA window has completely frozen and I cannot input any commands.	Check if GDA really has frozen and isn't just waiting for a scan to finish. Try and close the client window using the cross in the top right corner. If nothing happens then you will need to force a close, from a linux terminal window at a command line prompt, type: `killall java` This will close the GDA client. You will then need to restart the GDA server and client by following the instructions in §4.1 If you are at all unsure then contact beamline staff before proceeding!
The GDA window shows … at the line prompt (instead of >>>) and won't carry out any commands	You have missed out a close bracket at the end of a command. Type) then hit return

14 Corrections/Changes/New Commands for the Next Version